

Pear. What may be its merits or defects in other soils, I cannot decide; but I am confident that the trees will grow freely and bear well, in any soil, where other varieties will thrive; for its blossoms and fruit are perfectly hardy: and as the original tree is now only 15 years old, I entertain little doubt that the grafts taken from it will afford trees capable of retaining their health and vigour, as standards, beyond the termination of a second century. The growth of the original tree is tall and aspiring, and it is at present more than twenty feet high, though it has been twice transplanted within the last five years.

“The fruit is in perfection, from the original tree, about three weeks, or a month, after it is gathered: and it has subsequently the defect, common to many varieties of the Pear, of decaying first internally. I do not recommend it for culture, except upon standard trees.”